

STATE OF NEW JERSEY)
) :SS:
 COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX)

NELLIE LO RUSSELL being duly sworn, according to law, upon her oath, deposes and says that -

I am forty-two years of age, and reside in the Township of Franklin, Somerset County, where I have lived for the past six years. During the Hall-Mills investigation of 1922, I was one of the witnesses who appeared before the Grand Jury. Prior to that time, it was generally known that I was one of the witnesses, who could testify to the fact that Jane Gibson was at my house and in my company from about 9:40 to 10:45 P. M. on the night of the fourteenth day of September, 1922. During part of which time she has stated she was at the Phillips farm and a witness to the murder of the Reverend Edward Wheeler Hall and Mrs. Eleanor Mills.

In 1926 at the time the Hall-Mills investigation was renewed by the authorities, a State Trooper, who I have since learned is Trooper Mc Manus, called at my house and informed me that I was wanted at State Trooper's Headquarters at Somerville to be questioned by Captain Lamb in connection with the Hall-Mills case. He took me to Somerville in his automobile and while on the road stated as follows: "Now I advise you if you don't know much about this thing, don't say anything because if you hold out there is going to be devil to pay." He then arrived at State Trooper's Headquarters at Somerville, and I was questioned about my statements with reference to seeing Jane Gibson on the night of September 14th, 1922 at the time she appeared at my home to speak to me with reference to my dog, which she had found in the possession of a Hungarian, and which she had taken from the said Hungarian and was holding for me at her farm. Several other questions were asked me. I was then told that as it was late, I would not be questioned further, but that they would be down to fetch me the next night.

The next time they came, there were four persons who stated that they were from the Prosecution staff. Trooper Mc Manus and Detective Hanlon were two of the four persons, who questioned me in the yard of my home on the second visit, which was about five or six days prior to August 12th, 1926. On this occasion, they charged me with having received money as an inducement for stating what I have always stated regarding my having seen Jane Gibson on the night of the fourteenth day of September, 1922. The statements addressed to me by these men were as follows: "We have proof that you have been getting money, - that you are well fixed and that Mrs. Hall fixed you, and that you don't have to worry any more as long as the Halls live" I denied these charges and told them that I had made the statements on my own volition without any prompting or inducement from any person. They continued to say that I was well fixed and had received money, and that they could prove it. They also called me a liar when I denied such charges. They questioned me at least three-quarters of an hour and left stating before they left that they would "lock me up later." The third time that I was taken to State Trooper's Headquarters at Somerville was the night of August 11th, when on my return home from New York I found